

Journal

Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. Ben Mandel (Senate Internal Security Subcommittee) called and requested the materials which he had previously requested from USIA. (See Journals of 18 and 19 March.) These items are being sent.

3. Talked with [redacted] Deputy Chief of the Benefits and Casualty Division, Office of Personnel, concerning our conversations with Charles Johnson, Counsel of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, about health insurance and overseas medical benefit legislation now pending in Congress. It was suggested that [redacted] office review these bills, particularly H. R. 208 and H. R. 5174, inasmuch as we shall undoubtedly be required to take a position on them in the not too distant future.

4. A letter to Chairman Tom Murray (D., Tenn.) of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee requesting changes in section 2 of H. R. 1870 was prepared and signed by the Director. The letter suggested that section 2 be revised so as to preserve the Director's authority under section 102(c) of the National Security Act. This letter was cleared by telephone with Mr. Jim Hyde in the Bureau of the Budget. However, prior to its delivery to the Committee staff, Mr. Hyde called and withdrew his clearance. He indicated that the Administration's position on this legislation had not been fully developed, and although the Bureau had no objection to our request, he did not want to clear our letter until the Bureau had considered all aspects of this bill. He also indicated that the Committee had decided to postpone hearings on H. R. 1870 until after the Easter recess. We shall keep in touch with Mr. Hyde on this matter.

5. Talked with Mr. Francis Rosenberger, assistant chief clerk of the Senate Judiciary Committee, concerning S. 355 which was reported out by the Judiciary Committee and passed by the Senate on Wednesday night. This bill would amend Title 18 of the Code to prohibit the use of names inferring Federal